Exploring the evidence: Using official statistics in child protection

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Children with special needs (presentation scope)

- International migrants

- Stateless persons

- Refugees & asylum-seekers

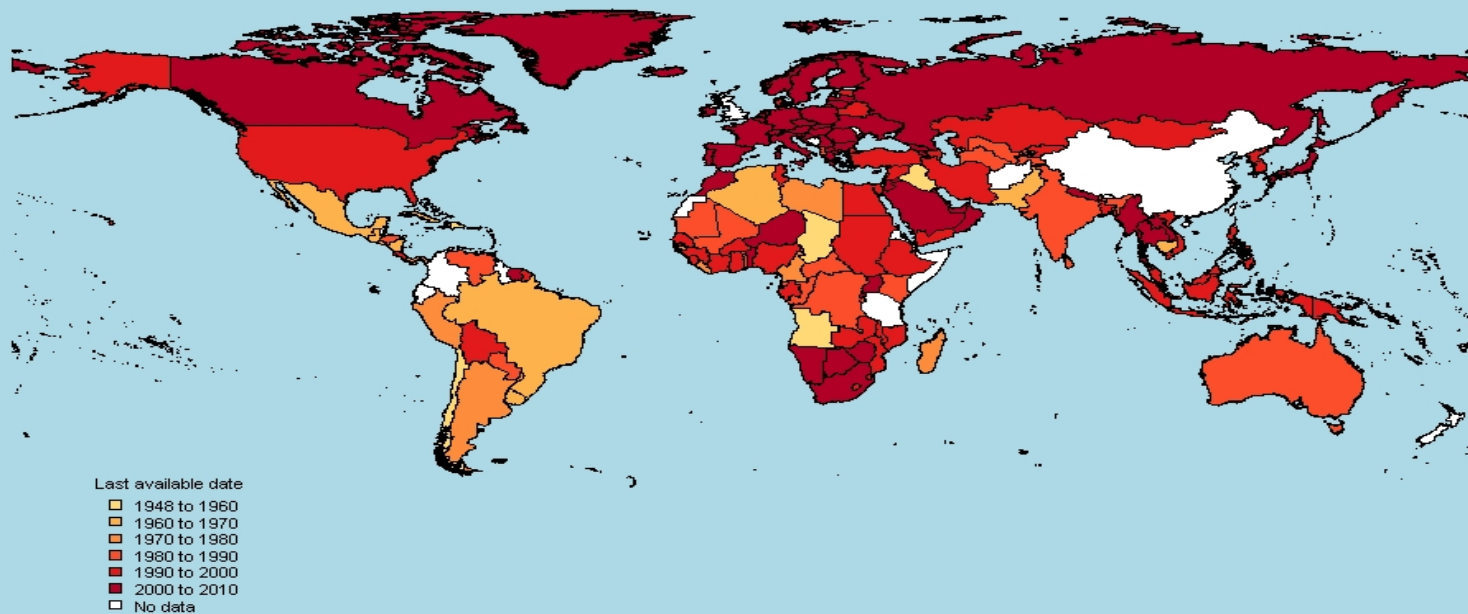# International migrants (1): Actual data coverage by region

UN Major Area	<1985	1985-94	1995+	Total
Africa	293	136	90	519
Asia	269	125	166	560
Europe	381	236	434	1,051
Latin America & Caribbean	520	158	137	815
Northern America	81	20	30	131
Oceania	231	63	81	375
Total	1,775	738	938	3,451

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International migration (2): Actual data coverage by age

Age groups	Country of Origin			
	No origin country	< 10 countries of origin	> 10 countries of origin	Total
No age	675	467	944	2,086
< 10 age groups	101	34	138	273
> 10 age groups	606	96	390	1,092
Total	1,382	597	1,472	3,451

Stateless population (1): Potential data coverage

Countries collecting data by citizenship

Last available date
- 1948 to 1960
- 1960 to 1970
- 1970 to 1980
- 1980 to 1990
- 1990 to 2000
- 2000 to 2010
- No data

Stateless population (2): Actual data coverage

Countries reporting number of stateless persons

Last available date
- 1948 to 1960
- 1960 to 1970
- 1970 to 1980
- 1980 to 1990
- 1990 to 2000
- 2000 to 2010
- No data
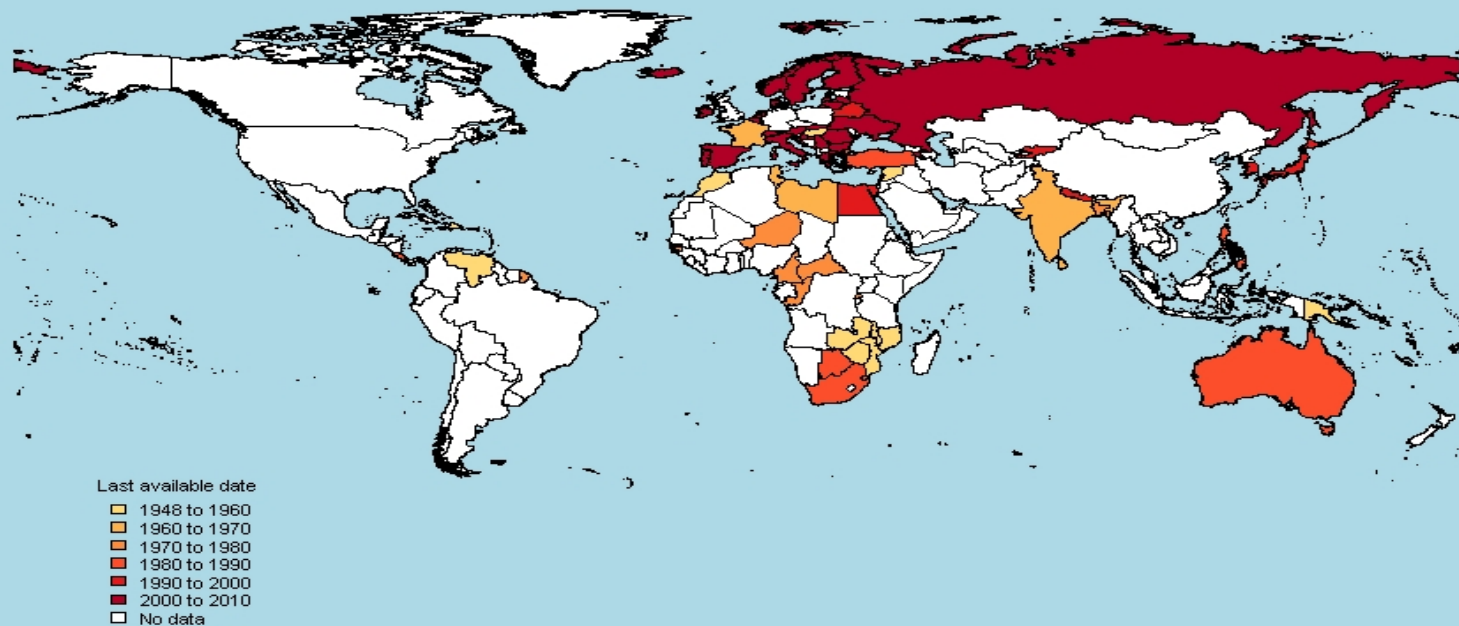
Stateless population (3): Absolute and relative size

Size of stateless population

(No. of countries = 77)

22
18
9
14
14

<100   100 - 500   500 - 1,000   1,000 - 10,000   >10,000
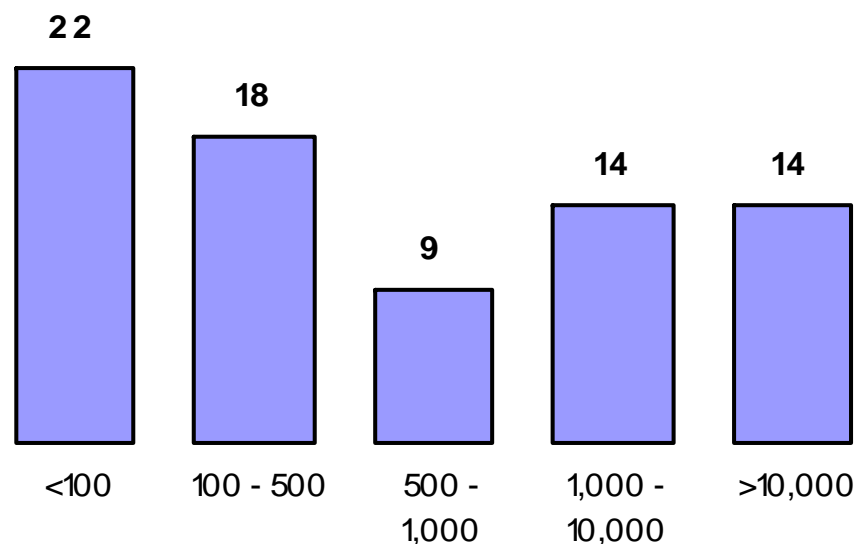
Percentage of stateless population in total of stateless and foreign population
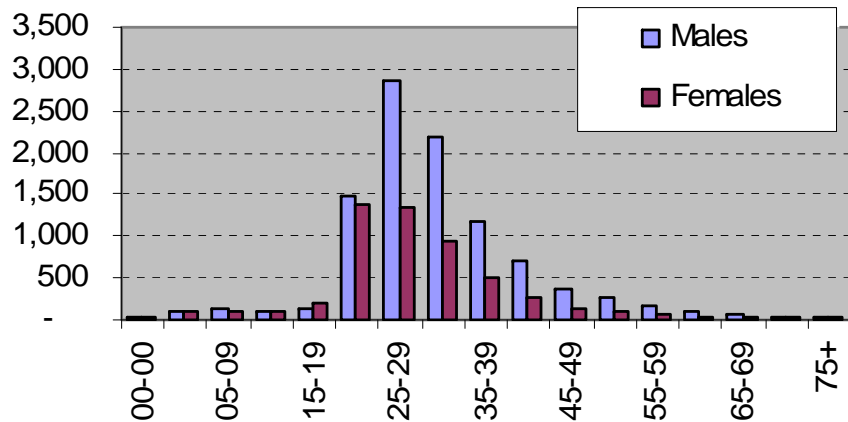
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<1%   1-5%   5-25%   25-50%   >50%

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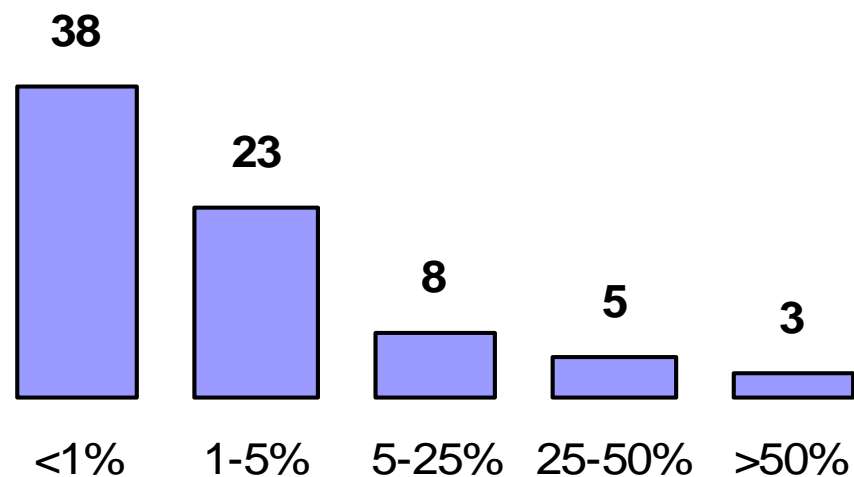
Stateless population (4): Percentage of females

Percentage of female stateless persons and female foreigners (n = 74)
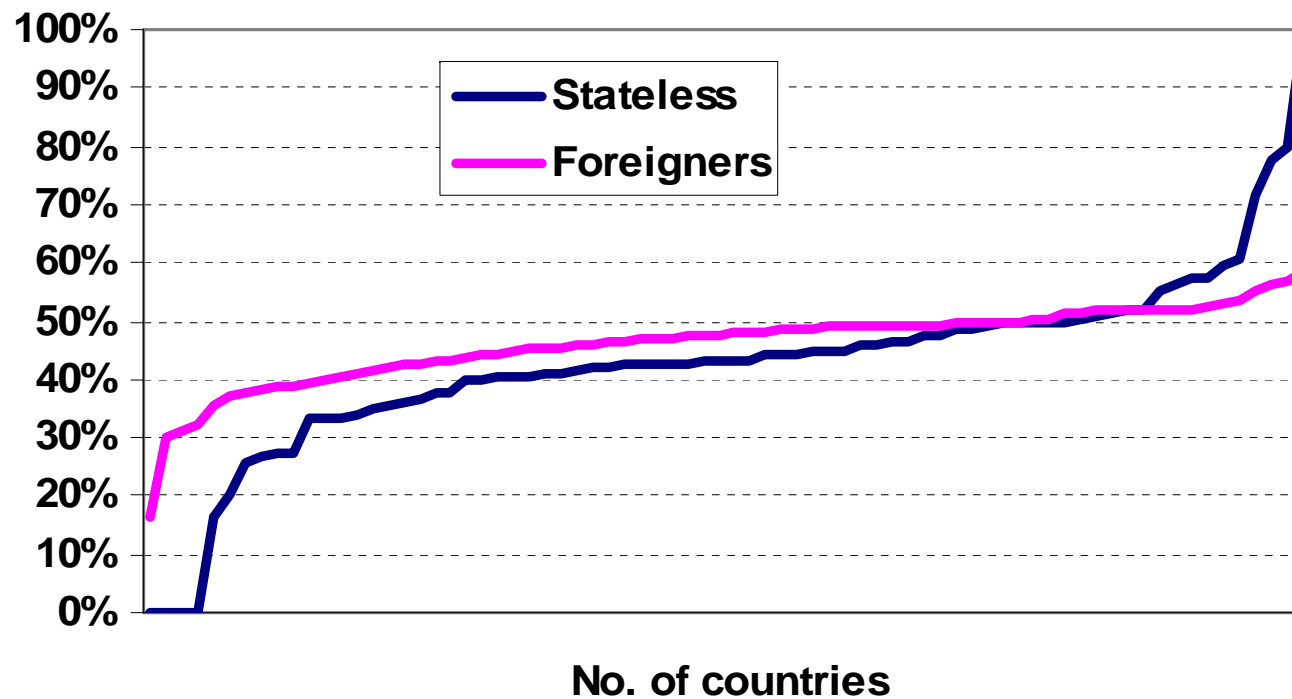
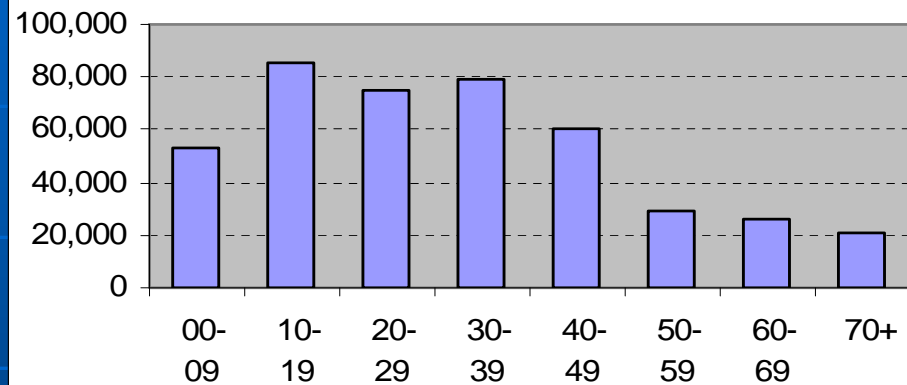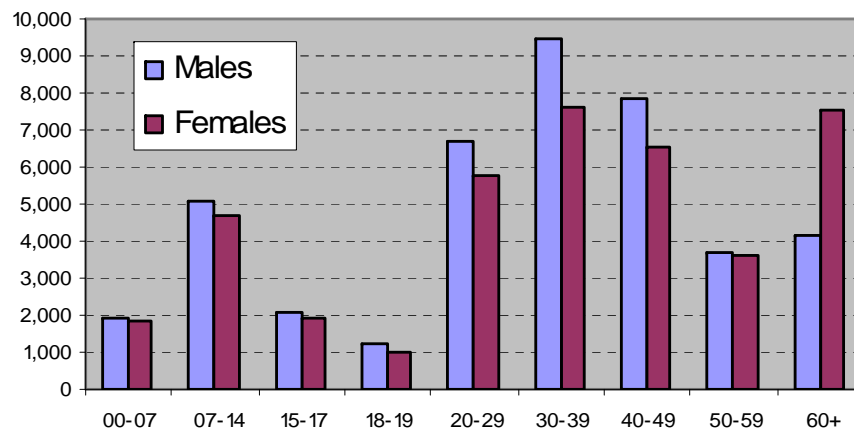# Stateless population (5): Distribution by sex and age

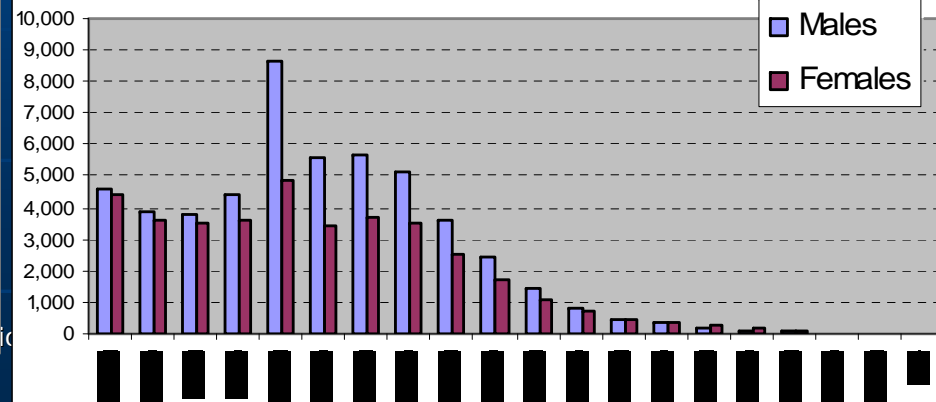# Stateless population (6): Changes over time
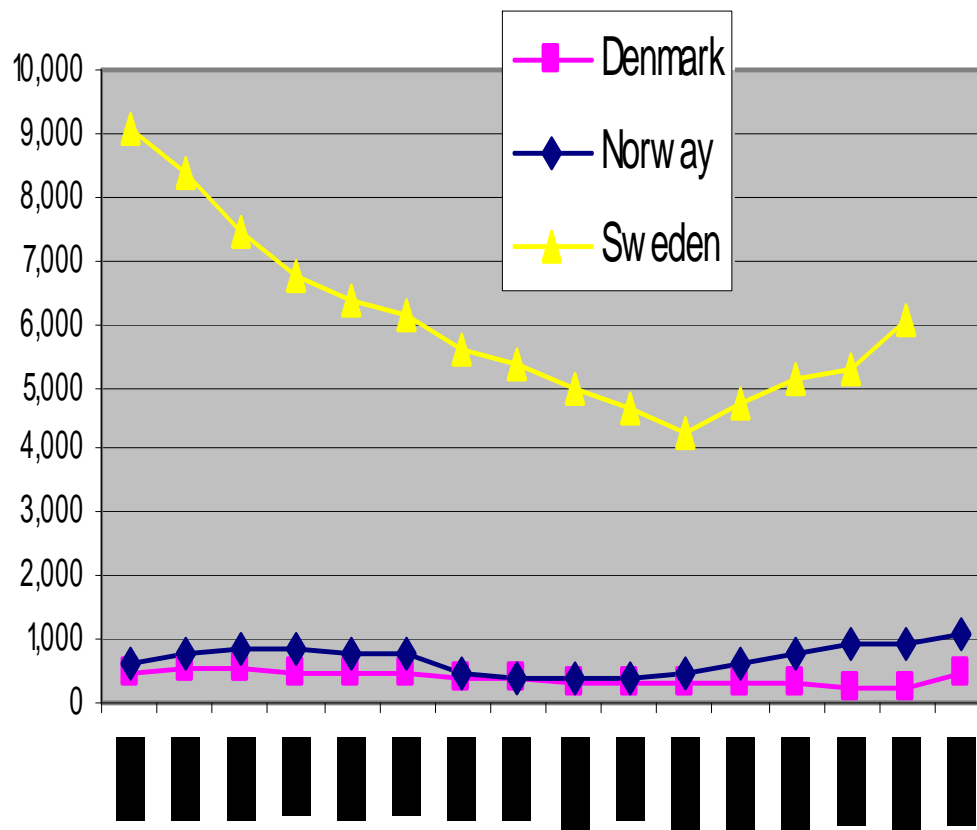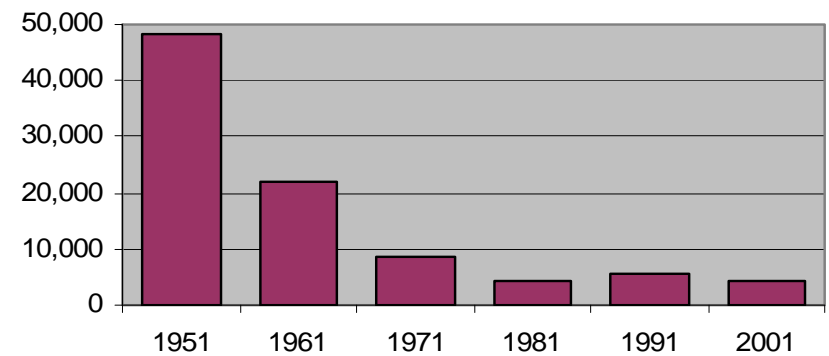
Exploring the evidence:
Child refugees and asylum-seekers

- Statistical Yearbook – Trends in displacement, protection and solutions, UNHCR Geneva

- Trends in unaccompanied and separated children seeking asylum in industrialized countries, UNHCR Geneva

International standards (1): Birth registration (examples)

- Handbook on Training in Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems, Statistics Division, UN/DESA

- Handbook for Registration, UNHCR

- Handbook for the Protection of Women and Girls, UNHCR

International standards (2): Data collection

- Principles and Recommendations for Population and Housing Censuses Rev.2, Statistics Division, UN/DESA, 2008

  - "*For the purpose of preparing tabulations on citizenship, all countries should be shown separately to the extent possible and a category of stateless persons should be presented*" (p. 127).

Addressing data gaps (1)

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IMDB: International Migration Database v0.1 [Sign out]

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Country or area of residence	South Africa
Year	2001
Source	Census
Country of birth	Mozambique
Footnote	

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Total	192,279	77,594	269,873
00-04	2,484	2,212	4,696
00-17	12,151	10,848	22,999
05-09	2,252	2,625	4,877
10-14	3,209	3,015	6,224
15-19	11,271	6,357	17,628
18+	180,128	66,746	246,874
20-24	32,660	14,825	47,485
25-29	38,794	14,055	52,849
30-34	28,523	9,781	38,304
35-39	22,386	7,040	29,426
40-44	17,045	5,057	22,102
45-49	11,919	3,106	15,025
50-54	8,967	2,436	11,403
55-59	4,139	1,472	5,611
60-64	3,261	1,776	5,037
65-69	1,605	1,332	2,937
70-74	1,589	1,081	2,670
75-79	1,002	651	1,653
80-84	827	508	1,335